CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Photo(010)_2.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	2000370.014
Medium:	Image File
Maker:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Aotearoa New Zealand
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	15 December 2020
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	14 December 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

'The file is a highly sexualised image of a boy who clearly presents as a young person. It is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. Material such as this presents young teenage boys as appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire. Viewers who have a prurient interest in young teenage boys are likely to find the image titillating. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The objectionable classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote or support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes be deemed objectionable.